

A FAMINE PREVAILS.

Sad Plight of Durango, a Mexican State.

MANY HUNDREDS OF LABORERS

Have Not Sufficient Food to Keep Body and Soul Alive—Highways Lined by Starving Men and Women who Would Reach the Cactus Brakes—Soldiers Maintain Order.

DURANGO, MEX., Nov. 26.—Never before in the history of this state was there known suffering as is now daily witnessed throughout this state. Hundreds of the poorer classes are actually in a state of starvation. None but the very rich, the state officials and the priests have sufficient food, and from them the poor have nothing to expect. This truly horrible state of affairs is due to the utter failure of the corn and bean crops, owing to the drouth. In ordinary seasons the output of these commodities is such that the price never rises too high for even the poorest laborer to secure enough to prolong life, though they have never sufficient means to live well or to know from where the subsistence for the following day will come. The laboring classes of the state are in ordinary years abjectly poor, and their struggle for existence is of the most degrading sort. It robs them of every instinct but that of self-preservation.

DRAWING THEMSELVES IN MOUNTAINS.
The most pitiful scenes imaginable are those to be daily witnessed along any of the highways throughout the district. A staggering, swaying procession, made up of men, women and children, winds slowly along the hot and dusty roads, oftentimes almost fainting beneath the sun, all bent on reaching the mountains. There they will feed upon the tunis or fruit of the cactus. This is a substance which, though not satisfying, will sustain life. It is the only hope of these starving hundreds, and to it they look as to manna. Not all that start on the trip ever reach their destination. Along the main thoroughfare between the different parts of the country which passes from this city direct to the mountains there were to-day over a dozen bodies lying beside the path. They had been deserted by their friends, who were actuated only by the spirit of self-preservation.

The laboring element alone comprises this vast suffering multitude. For them there seems to be no help whatever. There is no demand for labor now and there is absolutely no money in circulation among these people. They are reduced to a state of degradation, having neither clothes to cover them nor the most frugal means.

GUARDING THEIR STORES.
Those who have money to buy corn at the present price which is now \$1 per bushel, are in constant danger from the famished horde about them. Only the most severe measures of the soldiers seem to keep down the truly desperate men and women who are willing to risk even their lives to secure food for themselves and families. As a result the residences and storerooms of the wealthy classes are constantly surrounded by guards. This is necessary to prevent a descent of the mob.

In some instances crowds have gathered and threatened to seize these warehouses, but the soldiers have driven them away, though with difficulty. The complete indifference of the rich, the state and the church to the condition of the starving poor is something extraordinary.

Robert Mantell's new Play.
Mr. Edward M. Alfriend, the author of "The Louisiana," has written an excellent drama, which was admirably performed at the Madison Square Theatre yesterday. The performance was rewarded with frequent tumultuous applause.

The first act was in New Orleans, back in the times when the creoles assumed airs of social supremacy and the residents wore the costumes of the first Bonaparte empire. A son of a retired French general and the daughter of the Louisiana governor loved each other, but were kept unmarried by their inharmonious fathers, and there was another ardent suitor. An adventuress arrived from Paris to declare herself the discarded wife of the hero. Then the action was transferred to Paris, where one act was devoted to a chance meeting of the two men and the two women involved in the love affair, where another act depicted a slow and solemn duel with pistols in a forest, after the dramatic manner of the palmy days; and a third act was all astir with the mistress's desperate device to force her false claim to wedlock, ending with her suicide upon the failure of her plot. Then came a last act in Louisiana, where the unlabeled suitor of the governor's daughter voluntarily relinquished her to the loved one, and the curtain shut in a scene of happiness, except for the two who had loved in vain.—New York Sun, June 5, '91.

Few Funny Men.
How many really funny men are on the American stage to-day? Comedians there are galore; but how many are there who are really funny? There is a great deal of difference between a man who is mechanically funny and the actor who is naturally funny. The man who is naturally humorous cannot help himself. He will be funny at any stage of the game—at any time or place. It is not easy to define this power, for power it certainly is. It is a gift that is born with the man, and a great gift it is. But how few actors possess it! Frank Daniels, who comes to the Opera House Monday night, is peculiarly gifted in this direction. He has an odd individuality and droll mannerism in his stage work that are distinctly original. His humor is irresistible, his smile is infectious, and personality is like him—he is like unto no other comedian. He owes his great success to this remarkable originality. He has a field all to himself. No one can imitate him, for he has nature's copyright.

"Our Country Cousin."
Frank Jones, the well-known "Si Perkins," will open a two nights' engagement at the Grand this evening, presenting his new play "Our Country Cousin." The piece is one of the best that Mr. Jones has ever given to the public, and in his character of "Jason Wheatley," Mr. Jones keeps the audience in laughter all the time; more especially in the second act, which represents his appearance in the city. The rail-road scene at the stone quarry is an exciting one and the mechanical arrangements are all that could be wished. The company supporting Mr. Jones is a strong one.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES.

Eloquent Discourses and Interesting Exercises in Several Churches Yesterday.

At the Fourth street M. E. church yesterday morning the pastor, Rev. Dr. A. B. Riker, preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon, taking as his text a number of appropriate passages of scripture, his theme being the greatness and evident greater destiny of this country. He took for his theme "Signs of the Times," and he considered both the glory and the perils of the country. At St. Matthew's church Rev. Dr. R. R. Swope preached a thoughtful and appropriate sermon on the theme, "Be thankful." His text was the passage from the 68th Psalm, "Blessed be the Lord, who daily leadeth us with benefits, even the God our salvation." His congregation was of very good size and all were deeply impressed by his earnest words.

The Disciples, English Lutheran, Baptist and Chapline Street M. E. churches united in services appropriate to the day, at the last named church the sermon being preached by Rev. J. A. Hopkins, of the Disciples church, who gave an impressive discourse to a large audience.

"And having food and raiment, let us be therewith content," was the text of a very interesting sermon preached by the pastor, Rev. Jacob Brittingham, at St. Luke's church yesterday morning.

At Evangelistic Hall.
The meeting at Evangelistic hall last evening was an event in the history of that mission. The hall was packed to the doors. The scripture reading and talk was conducted by Hon. J. P. Jones, of Preston county. Mr. Jones made an excellent address. The following programme was then successfully carried out:

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Solo.....Mrs. Stanton.
Recitations.....Miss Minnie Wickham and Miss Sadie McMahon.
Trio.....Mrs. Stanton and Mrs. Cartwright and Miss Lamb.

MARTIN'S FERRY.

Assaulted His Mother—Fire Yesterday—Thanksgiving—Personal.

There was a fire in the residence of Mr. William Wetherald, on North Fifth street, yesterday. It originated about noon in a closet upstairs, and the cause is a mystery. There was no fire near the closet. A large quantity of clothing, two beds, etc., were burned, and the wood work was badly burned. The damage was about \$250. The department turned out promptly and did good work. On account of the fire Mr. Wetherald and family did not get to eat turkey until 4 o'clock.

Edward Phenski, a twelve-year-old boy, was arrested yesterday for throwing stones at his mother, threatening to kill her and burn the house. Phenski has been working in the Buckeye glass works and living in the Third ward. His father was killed some months ago.

Onward Lodge No. 578, I. O. O. F., has elected the following officers: Robert E. Koehnlein, N. G.; Thos. Watkins, V. G.; George B. Barr, Secretary; Conrad Long, Treasurer; Charles Koehnlein, George W. Truxell and Thos. Salisbury, Trustees.

Mr. William Kuntz sued the Wheeling Natural Gas company for \$10,000 damages for the death of his wife in the natural gas explosion. The jury returned a verdict for \$8,000.

The Ladies' Schubert Quartette will have a full house to-night. This will be the second of the series of Y. M. C. A. entertainments.

Mr. George Beaumont has taken charge of the choir of the Episcopal church, on which the church is to be congratulated.

Mr. and Mrs. John Means, of Steubenville, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gillespie, on Third street.

"O, What a Night" and "Down on the Farm" will appear at the Opera House in the near future.

The stand water pipe for supplying the Terminal Railway company's locomotives is being put in.

Ten or twelve persons are after the Hotel Maywood. Mr. W. L. Tripp will probably buy it.

Mrs. Theo. Snodgrass and daughter, Bess, are visiting relatives at Mingo Junction.

Mr. George Parker has returned from Nova Scotia and reports plenty of cold weather.

Mrs. W. B. Frances is entertaining her sister, Miss Mitchell, of Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Ella Connelly is entertaining Miss Patterson, of New Cumberland.

Miss Lucy Helling was home from Franklin college over Thanksgiving.

George O. Ingelbright came home from East Liverpool to eat dinner.

Arthur Morgan, who has been traveling with a circus has returned.

Mr. S. B. Williams left yesterday for Pennsylvania on business.

Frank Zink spent the day with his parents at Steubenville.

Will Frazier, of Wellsburg, was in the city yesterday.

Miss Gertrude Tannehill is visiting at Wellsburg.

BENWOOD.

Industrial Items, Personal Gossip and General News Notes.

The many friends of Miss Annie Crow will be grieved to learn of her death yesterday morning. Her death has been expected for a long time, but her indomitable will sustained her. Her demise will nevertheless be quite a blow to her large circle of friends. Miss Crow has for a number of years been a consistent member of the M. E. church and Epworth League, being a lady of high moral standing. She died at the residence of her sister, Mrs. William Straghan, of Main street, at which place the funeral services will be held Saturday.

The marriage of Miss Virginia Dowers, a talented and estimable young lady, formerly of this place, but now of Shepherdsburg, to Mr. N. McCracken, a prosperous farmer of the same place, is announced to take place Wednesday, December 9. A number of people will go from here to attend the wedding.

A number of the elite are making extensive preparations for a full dress ball to be given in the city hall during the holidays. Considerable interest is being displayed, as it is something of rare occurrence in this community.

The late rise in the river enabled the Wheeling Steel Company to make a shipment of steel which has been at the wharf for several weeks, being delayed by the low stage of the water.

Miss Lily Davis was yesterday joined in matrimony with Mr. Billoue, of Wheeling. A number of guests were present.

Miss Allie Robinson is visiting friends down the river.

If you are bilious, take BEECHAM'S PILLS.

WHO ARE BRAIN WORKERS?

Business Men and Clerks Sure.



The brain-workers of the world are business men and clerks, and they do far more real, hard brain-work, more exhausting expenditure of nerve and brain power in this pushing era than all literary workers combined. That is what makes so many nervous, with worn-out nerves, tired brains and clouded cerebra. There is headache, a dull, dizzy, hot feeling head, confused thought, loss of memory, despondency, sense of anxiety, loss of appetite, malaria, dyspepsia, constipation, sleeplessness with tired waking, without ambition to take hold of the day's work.

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BELLAIR.

All Sorts of Local News and Gossip from the Glass City.

Mrs. Alwilda Norcross, wife of B. O. Norcross, of the Fifth ward, died Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock, of typhoid fever. She was thirty-nine years old, and leaves a husband and six children. The funeral will take place Friday, at 2 p. m., the interment being at Rose Hill.

Ross Borham was landed in the lockup last night for abusing a peddler, hitting a justice of the peace in the eye and resisting an officer. He will likely get it pretty heavy.

Miss Alice Cunningham, a teacher in the Central building, was in attendance at the Morrow-Bonar wedding at Moundsville yesterday.

Rev. William Gaston, of Cleveland, a former pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, is visiting friends in the Fourth ward.

One of the tow boats, while going through the bridge yesterday, crushed a barge and sank it.

F. J. Hassan's play, "One of the Finest," will be presented here next Wednesday evening.

John Foly was rearrested and locked up at Newark last night by Officer Henry Nagle.

The stockholders of the Dollar Savings Bank will hold their annual meeting tomorrow.

The hook and ladder boys gave a supper last night to their company and friends.

Mr. A. Z. Barron, of the Ohio Lantern company, of Tiffin, was in the city yesterday.

The suit of Dr. McCullahan comes up in the common pleas court December 7.

Miss Pearl Chambers, of this city, is visiting friends in Martin's Ferry.

Mrs. Peter Hughes is visiting her mother at St. Clairsville.

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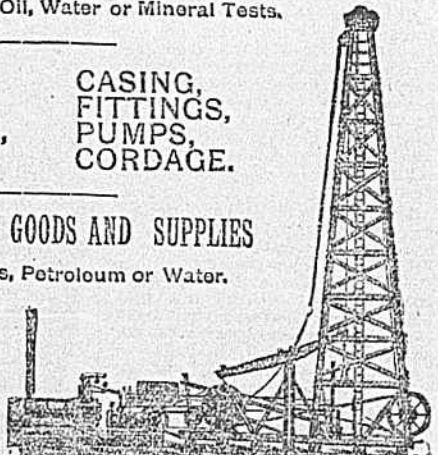
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